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Title: Idaho High-Level Waste and Facilities Disposition Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DOE/EIS-0287D)

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Abstract:

This Idaho High-Level Waste and Facilities Disposition Draft EIS analyzes the potential environmental consequences of managing two waste types at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, namely, high-level waste in a calcine form and liquid mixed transuranic waste (historically known as sodium bearing waste and newly generated liquid waste). It also analyzes the disposition of existing and proposed high-level waste facilities after their missions have been completed. The waste processing alternatives are No Action, Continued Current Operations, Separations, Non-Separations, and Minimum INEEL Processing. The facilities disposition alternatives are No Action, Clean Closure, Performance-Based Closure, Closure to Landfill Standards, Performance-Based Closure with Class A Grout Disposal, and Performance-Based Closure with Class C Grout Disposal. The period of analysis for actions considered in this EIS is from 2000 through 2095. For residual contamination and waste disposal, DOE analyzed potential impacts over 10,000 years.

Public Comments:

In preparing this Draft EIS, DOE considered comments received by letter and voice mail, and formal statements made at public scoping meetings in Idaho Falls, Idaho, on October 16, 1997, and Boise, Idaho, on October 23, 1997.

A 60-day comment period on the Idaho High-Level Waste and Facilities Disposition Draft EIS begins with the publication of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Notice of Availability in the Federal Register. Public hearings to discuss and receive comments on the Draft EIS will be held at times and locations to be announced in the DOE Notice of Availability. Comments may also be submitted by mail to T.L. Wichmann at the address above or electronically at <http://www.jason.com/hlwfdeis>. The comments received during the comment period will be considered in the preparation of the Final EIS. Late comments will be considered to the extent practicable.